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For announcing candidates for:
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The Louisville Exposition closed
last Saturday night in a blaze of
glory. The display this year was
the finest yet seen, and the attend-
ance was very large.

The explosion of the honey-
combed Flood Rock in Hell Gate
Channel, New York, a few days ago,
was one of the most gigantic artifi-
cial blasts in the world's history.

The President of the United
States has promulgated an order in
which he says that after November
first he will decline to see any per-
son seeking an office.

Having nothing else to do the
newspapers are now trying Ex-
President Johnson for attempting
to revolutionize the Government,
and for opium eating. We don't
want a hand in this controversy,
but we would like to give him a
lick for hanging poor Mrs. Surratt.

After much warring, litigation,
dirty-work, lying and cheating on
both sides the Ohio election, boiled
down, resulted about as follows
State ticket Republican, Hamilton
County Democratic, Democratic
majority of three in
the Senate, Republican
majority of six in the House. The
work subsequent to the election is
exceedingly discreditable to both
parties.

The New Orleans Exposition re-
opens November 10th with a cele-
bration designed to commemorate
American peace. The new compa-
ny starts out with less expenses
than the old, and hopes are enter-
tained that the enterprise can be
made to pay expenses. Several
days have been appointed for spe-
cial celebrations, including the Mu-
sical Congress, November 25th,
and College Day, December 16th.

The gentleman who occasionally
does a little writing for this paper
is frequently approached by persons
who are desirous of serving their
county in some capacity or other,
with a request that he say some-
thing about it in the News. The
gentlemen aforesaid wishes it un-
derstood that to obtain a personal
mention in this paper in connection
with a county office, requires a cash
deposit of two dollars and fifty
cents. We have a good circulation
in this county, and a candidate has
no cheaper way of getting his wants
known to his friends.

A correspondent of the Cincin-
nati Enquirer shows his ignorance
or his malice in a recent number
of that paper, by saying that
the gas wells on the Big Sandy,
near Warfield, cannot supply gas
enough in one day to furnish a
town of two thousand inhabitants.
Either of these wells furnish
enough gas in twenty-four hours to
supply the city of Portsmouth.

The "gas and oil expert" who ex-
amined the wells should try again
and then make a report in which
truth should be a prominent fea-
ture.

This part of the State should
make some effort to send speci-
mens of our productions to the
North, Central and South Ameri-
can Exposition at New Orleans.
Hon. J. Soule Smith, of Lexington
has been appointed Kentucky's
Commissioner, and he is hard at
work securing exhibits from his
State. All the railroads have
agreed to transport free of charge
anything which may be intended
for the Exposition, and our people

in Eastern Kentucky should in-
deavor to be well represented in
that wonderful exhibit.

Anything shipped to Windsor
Monroe, Lexington, Ky., will be at
once forwarded to New Orleans, and
Mr. Smith will see that it is prop-
erly placed.

Our State exchanges are teeming
with suggestions to the next Legis-
lature, and if our Senators and
Representatives act upon one-half
the hints given them they will be
in session from December 31st to
July 4th. The News begs leave to
join the noble army of advice-giv-
ers so far as to say a word or two
on the subject of concealed deadly
weapons. We have nothing to say
concerning the fact that the carry-
ing of concealed weapons in some
form or other is very general in
Kentucky, only that the laws pre-
viously enacted to prohibit this of-
fense are, in a great measure, fail-
ures. If this be true, why not
abandon the idea of prevention and
try regulation? Not being lawyers
we shall not enter into a discussion
of the Constitutional right of citi-
zens to bear arms. The citizen
bears them, and will continue to
bear them so long as arms are
made and men are not made of
wood. It is not the carrying of a
pistol which creates, in our opin-
ion, the offense, it is the unlawful
use of it. And this is what should
be punished. As the law now stands
if a ruffian attack a gentleman, and
to defend himself the gentleman
draws a weapon he subjects him-
self to fine and imprisonment, while
the rough may escape with fine only.
The fact is the pistol law, as
it now stands, is no terror to the
average ruffian. What we want is
a law which will say nothing what-
ever about carrying concealed
weapons, but which will punish by
fine and imprisonment, in the peni-
tentiary, if necessary, any one who
unnecessarily and unlawfully uses
one.

Our law-makers have tried many
ways to prevent the carrying of
concealed weapons, and all means
have failed; now let them give this
a trial.